# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:83
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ISI ACTIVITIES ON INDO-NEPAL BORDER
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that about 750 km long open border area of Indo-Nepal in Bihar has become an open route for the terrorists;

(b) if so, whether Pakistani terrorists are using this route frequently to destroy the Indian peace and economy;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether the Government have held any talks with the Nepal Government about the increasing ISI activities on the Indo-Nepal border;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether views of both the countries differ on the issue as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 23.11.02.

(g) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(h) the steps being taken by both the Governments to stop the anti India activities by ISI on the Indo-Nepal border?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSO PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a),(b) &(c): The Government of India has been aware and concerned about Pakistan and its intelligence agencies exploiting the open India-Nepal borderfor activities inimical to India`s interest with the help of Indian extremist elements. There have beenreports of misuse of the border for circulation of fake currency, drug trafficking and smuggling of arms by these elements. Government has noted the several instances of arrests of staffers of Pakistani Embassyin Kathmandu for being in possession of explosives and fake Indian currency. Such officers have subsequently been asked to leave the country by the Government of Nepal.

(d) & (e): The Government of India has taken up issues relating to ISI activities in Nepalese territory and the misuseof the open India-Nepal border with the Government of Nepal. Such issues have been raised through bilateral institutional mechanism such as the Joint Working Group on border management and Home Secretary Level Talks with Nepal.

(f),(g) & (h): The Governments of India and Nepal have agreed to fight terrorism in all forms and manifestations and reiteratedthat they would not allow their territory to be used for activity prejudicial to the interest of either country. Measures have been taken to enhance cooperation with Nepal, particularly with regard to implementing effective border management. Special Service Bureau (SSB) is being deployed along the sensitive areas of Indo-Nepal border to strengthen security in the border areas.